

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Original) A network facsimile system comprising:

a plurality of facsimile servers;

a plurality of clients connected to the plurality of facsimile servers over a communication network;

a supervising server connected to the communication network such that the plurality of facsimile servers and clients communicate with each other via the supervising server; and

a memory associated with the supervising server for dividing and storing the plurality of facsimile servers and clients into a plurality of groupings.

14. (Original) The network facsimile system of claim 13, wherein when data is transmitted between at least one of the plurality of facsimile servers and at least one of the plurality of clients, the supervising server refers to the memory and allows data transmission only among those facsimile servers and clients that belong to a same grouping.

15. (Original) For use in a network facsimile system including a plurality of facsimile servers and clients connected to each other over a communication network, a supervising server connected to the network facsimile system such that the plurality of facsimile servers and clients communicate with each other via the supervising server, the supervising server being equipped with a memory for dividing and storing the plurality of facsimile servers and clients into a plurality of groupings.

16. (Original) The supervising server of claim 15, wherein when data is transmitted between at least one of the plurality of facsimile servers and at least one of the plurality of clients, the supervising server refers to the memory and allows data transmission only among those facsimile servers and clients that belong to a same grouping.

17. (Currently Amended) A network facsimile system comprising:
a plurality of facsimile servers;
a plurality of clients connected to the plurality of facsimile servers over a communication network; and
a supervising server connected to the communication network such that the clients and facsimile servers communicate with each other via the supervising server, the supervising server storing recipient information including ~~such as~~ telephone numbers of recipient of facsimile data transmission, and the recipient information being able to be referred to by the clients.

18. (Original) The network facsimile system of claim 17, wherein each of the recipient information is accompanied by a certain indication such as client's name to indicate which client can refer to which recipient information, whereby the recipient information is categorized in to a first group to which all the clients can refer and a second group to which a particular client or clients can only refer.

19. (Original) The network facsimile system of claim 18, wherein the second group of recipient information is accompanied by a plurality of indications such that the plurality of clients refer to the second group of recipient information respectively.

20. (Currently Amended) For use in a network facsimile system including a plurality of facsimile servers and clients connected to each other over a communication network, a supervising server connected to the network facsimile system such that the plurality of facsimile servers and clients communicate with

each other via the supervising server, the supervising server being able to store recipient information including ~~such as~~ telephone numbers of recipient of facsimile data transmission such that the recipient information can be referred to by the clients under a certain constraint.

21. (Original) The supervising server of claim 20, wherein the recipient information is given a plurality of attribution labels that categorize the recipient information into a first group to which all the clients can refer and a second group to which a particular client or clients can only refer.

22. (Original) The supervising server of claim 21, wherein the second group of recipient information is accompanied by a plurality of attribution labels such that the plurality of clients refer to the second group of recipient information respectively.

23-24. (Cancelled).